



Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC)

Milan, Brescia, Piacenza-Cremona, Rome, & Campobasso, Italy

<http://www.unicatt.it>

Arts, Humanities & Social Science units only
Competency in Italian required as determined by the Arts Faculty



Enrollment: 41,964 overall

Milan, Brescia, Piacenza-Cremona
Rome & Campobasso

Standard Course Load:

30 ECTS per semester (If Italian
Native speaker or taking EASY
courses)

20ECTS If Italian Major Studying in
Italian

ABOUT UNIVERSITA CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE

In 1919, Father Agostino Gemelli, Ludovico Necchi, Francesco Olgiati, Armida Barelli, and Ernesto Lombardo, extremely important cultural and religious figures, brought to fruition their plan of founding, within a short period of time, a catholic university which would play a fundamental role in the growth and enrichment of Italian culture. In 1920, after overcoming a number of obstacles and difficulties, the Istituto Giuseppe Toniolo di Studi Superiori was founded. In June, of that same year, the Istituto was legally recognized with a Decree signed by the Minister of Education, Benedetto Croce; at the same time, the Pope, Benedetto XV, officially recognized the University's ecclesiastical status, thus setting a "victorious milestone for the catholic movement, or rather, for the entire Italian religious community".

On 7th December, 1921, the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore was officially inaugurated. The first campus was located in the Palazzo del Canonica. In October of 1930, it was moved to the ancient St. Ambrose Monastery, where the main campus remains today. In 1921 there were 68

students enrolled in the university's two available programs, Philosophy and Social Sciences. Today, 14 programs are home to over 40,000 students distributed throughout the Milan, Rome, Brescia, Piacenza-Cremona and Campobasso campuses.

In 2000 thirteen Cultural Centers opened across the Italian territory. In these Centers, through advanced satellite technology, distance-learning courses have been activated in collaboration with the major university campuses. During the 2001-2002 academic year, the College of Sociology was opened in Milan, thus becoming the fourteenth college of the Università Cattolica.

Brescia Campus

Inaugurated on 29th November, 1965 with a degree course in Education, the Catholic University site in Brescia now offers four Faculties:

- Arts and Philosophy
- Foreign Languages
- Education
- Mathematics

- Physics
- Biological Sciences
- Higher Institute of Religious Sciences.

Piacenza-Cremona Campus

The **Piacenza** site of the Università Cattolica, founded in 1953 with the opening of the Faculty of Agriculture, is located together in a single area of over 27,000 m², to facilitate students in their daily lives with relation to the university. There are now 5 faculties:

- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Education Sciences
- Faculty of Sociology

The **Cremona** site was founded in 1984 with the opening of the School and Master's in Economics of the Agro-food System (SMEA). Cremona contains the following faculties:

- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Agriculture

Rome Campus – Medicine only – not open to exchange students.

COURSES

Arts and Philosophy – Milan and Brescia Campuses

Psychology – Milan Campus

Modern Languages – Milan and Brescia Campuses

Political Sciences- Milan Campus

SEMESTER DATES

1st semester –

September/October – January/February

2nd semester –

January/February - July

The actual dates vary from faculty to faculty.

HEALTH

UWA has insurance to cover its outgoing exchange students: UWA Corporate Personal and Travel Policy. It is usually accepted by the host universities as primary insurance. However, the Cattolica will advise you if you need to take out, additional insurance

Non-EU citizens should contact the Italian Consulate in their country. Depending on the country they will have to take out private insurance when they apply for a visa.

HOUSING

Milan Campus

The International Relations Office offers a Housing Service. Its staff will provide those students with **on-site** support in finding a permanent accommodation in Milan. This service will be offered after students' arrival in Milan starting from September throughout the academic year and IN ANY CASE NOT via e-mail, by phone or before arrival.

The web pages for the Accommodation dorms can be found at:

<http://marianum.unicatt.it/>

<http://augustinianum.unicatt.it/>

<http://ludovicianum.unicatt.it>

For off campus housing the Milano International Living Service (MIL) can assist you to find accommodation. One space in a double room will cost approximately 2500 Euros which includes rent, utilities, cleaning service and wireless internet. The apartments are 4 – 6 bed and furnished.

Brescia Campus

The ISU office at the Brescia Campus makes some places available for International students in flats for two/three people, with a kitchen, bathroom, study room and communal areas. These are located at the "Morstabilini" residence, close to the University's main site. You can ask about these places at the Student Services - Placement office.

ABOUT BRESCIA

Brescia is located in the Padana Plain very close to the Alps and at the end of Val Trompia and has the second largest population in Lombardy.

It was an important chief town of the local Gauls, then a Roman municipium called Brixia; after the Barbarian invasions it became a free municipality (12th century) within the Lombard League. From 1426, after the Pallavicini, Scaligeri, Torriani and Visconti Signorie, it went over to the Republic of Venice, remaining part of that until 1797, the year in which the Napoleonic Cisalpine Republic was declared. In 1814 Brescia became part of Lombard-Venetia under Hapsburg rule, from which it attempted in vain to break free under the leadership of Tito Speri, demonstrating admirable courage during the 'Dieci Giornate di Brescia' - a last, desperate attempt at resistance. It is for this episode that the town is called '*the Lioness of Italy*'. It was finally liberated in 1859.

ABOUT PIACENZA-CREMONA

Moreover, the peaceful city with a population of 100,000 is surrounded by beautiful hills and valleys, with many art treasures, including castles and villas, and has a tradition of good food and wine. It also boasts many pubs, beer houses and clubs for young people, which have developed in recent years together with the university. Piacenza is in a convenient position in the middle of the Po Plain, with road and rail links to many of the places of interest in north Italy. For example, Milan is only 60 km. away and can be reached by train in 40 minutes.

The peaceful city OF Cremona, with a population of 70,000, is famous for its art : it's the "Capitale del Violino" – famous for music and violin-making, reaching world-class standards with craftsmen such as Stradivarius, Amati e Guarneri.

OTHER INFORMATION

Look at the University website

http://www.unicatt.it/UCSC_ev.asp – the information in English is quite comprehensive.

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